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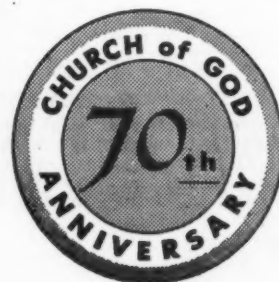
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Altar Scene in a College Revival

Evangelism Issue

*Featuring
articles on
Personal Evangelism
Child Evangelism
Mass Evangelism
In Camp Meetings
In Local Churches*



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The Louisiana Camp Meeting will convene June 11-15 in the Grammar School Auditorium in Covington, Louisiana. Ray H. Hughes will be the night speaker.

The Arizona Camp Meeting will convene June 11-16 in Phoenix. Vep Ellis will be the night speaker.

The Kentucky Camp Meeting will convene June 11-16 at the campground in Lexington.

The Idaho Camp Meeting will convene June 11-17 at the Baptist Youth Camp in Coeu d' Alene.

The Ohio Camp Meeting will convene June 11-17 at the Methodist Campground in Lancaster.

The Florida Camp Meeting will convene June 12-21 at the campground in Wimauma. C. R. Spain will be the night speaker.

The Nebraska Camp Meeting will convene June 13-16 at the North Omaha Church, 4210 North 22nd Street, Omaha.

The Colorado-Utah state convention will convene June 14-17 at Denver, Colorado.

William M. Rowe, Jr., is available for immediate call in the evangelistic work. He has his own house trailer. All pastors who wish to contact him may do so through either the Georgia State Office or in care of Rev. A. S. Yorkman, 1318 Hartford Avenue, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

While away in revival campaigns my mail was forwarded to a wrong address. I did not receive it. If you wrote me, and have not received an answer, please write again.—Margaret Jacobs, 141 Palisade Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

There will be no July 4 Home-coming for the alumni of the Church of God Home for Children this year.—R. R. Walker, Superintendent.

COVER PICTURE

To introduce this special issue on evangelism, the EVANGEL features an altar scene at a recent Lee College revival. This form of mass evangelism is the most common form in Pentecostal churches, but other forms, as we see from the articles in this issue, are not neglected.

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5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Coming Next Week
"FATHER OF THE YEAR"

The Church of God Evangel

A B C's of Personal Evangelism

JOO MUCH COULD NEVER be said about the importance of personal evangelism in our churches. The main business of the Church is to bring Christ to every individual. That can best be accomplished by the medium of personal work. The very able minister, Doctor J. O. Peck, is reported to have said that if he knew he was to live but ten years and that in order to gain heaven he must win a certain number of souls—say a thousand or even ten thousand—he would choose to do it by personal work rather than by preaching sermons.

How to reach the men with the gospel has been a great problem with our church people. Many more women than men are won in evangelistic services. We are glad for every soul that is born again, but we need to reach all people everywhere regardless of sex, nationality, social standing, or prestige. The answer is **DO IT BY PERSONAL WORK!** Individualize the gospel and make it real to each person.

One of the most wonderful things about personal work is the fact that every Christian can have a very real part in it. There is no person who can not be a success in this great work of soul-winning. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom (to do this personal work), let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." If you long to serve God in the winning of souls, just ask Him how to go about it. He, through His Word and by the Holy Spirit, will teach you.

God will remind you that if you would help others, you must first have a great storehouse of knowledge concerning His Word. The very first step toward becoming God's herald of trust is to gain an inexhaustible supply of that same truth. There is only one way to do that—memorize the Word.

We are in a great spiritual warfare and the only weapon we have with which to fight is the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

A soldier in Uncle Sam's army is trained in all the skills of handling the weapons he is expected to use. For weeks he is trained night and day. He learns how to take his guns apart and reassemble them in the dark. He must know his weapons to be an acceptable soldier. How much more should the soldiers of the Cross know their weapons!

The book salesman who knocks at our doors knows what his book says. He can turn it upside down and read page after page to you. He must know it in order to sell it. We are salesmen of the most precious thing in the world—salvation—and we do not know enough about

our prospectus to sell it to those who need it the most. Learn the Word!

This is a personal plea to the pastors of the local churches everywhere to teach their people how to memorize the Word of God and thus become personal workers. The early Church grew by leaps and bounds because every church member was a worker for souls. Witnessing was not left up to the preachers, but the people went everywhere telling the glad news of salvation. When our church people do that, we will have to knock out the partitions and enlarge our church buildings; for we will be such a rapidly growing Church that we will not be able to keep pace with the needs.

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE your people to do personal work, teach them how. Hold personal evangelism classes as a regular part of your program. The pastor must lead the way in this undertaking in order to give it the proper dignity and importance.

Choose a time best suited to your local group. It might be Sunday afternoon or one evening during the week; it all depends upon the type of work your members do. If you live in a community where they work by shifts, you may need to conduct two classes in order to accommodate all of them. The results of the work will prove its worth and you will be convinced that no effort was too great.

The first step in your class work will be to emphasize the great importance of every member's being able to do successful personal work. Do this by the use of two passages of Scripture which you may call your motto: Proverbs 11:30, "And he that winneth souls is wise." Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

These two passages will be easily learned and will constantly keep before the people the way the Lord looks upon the work of the soul-winner. Wisdom is a thing to be much desired when it is of God, and the wisest thing one can do is to seek it. The final destiny of a soul-winner is enough to encourage every member of your church to enter enthusiastically into the study of how to do the work of evangelism.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee," Psalm 119:11. A word or idea cannot get into our hearts except by way of our heads. We must first know it in the mind and then it will sink into our hearts. So by memorizing the Bible, we will be protecting ourselves from the dangers of ignorance of God's will.

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"FEED MY SHEEP; FEED MY lambs," was the pleading appeal of the One who was not only Master of men but a Friend of children. Feed the baby lambs bottles of sweet, warm milk; feed the young lambs nourishing grain and tender grass. The child can never face life successfully unless there is some central core of power within him to which he can retreat for strength and energy.

There was a time when the home assumed, without question, the full task of training the children, religiously and otherwise. Gradually, the majority of parents have abandoned many of their responsibilities to outside agencies. In many families, the religious education of the children has become a matter of trivial importance and has been left, for the most part, to the care of the church.

There needs to be a reversal of this process. The home is the strongest influence in the child's life. The home and church must work together for the evangelization of children. Since the above stated condition exists, the importance of child evangelism must be felt more keenly by the Church. Not only must we win them to Christ, but we must instruct them in gospel living.

"I'll stick to preaching," one young minister said after he had sweated out his first experience of teaching a group of ten fourth-graders in a church school. "That was the hardest work I ever did." Then he began to consider the real worth of his task. He was back for the next class session determined to gain their interest and to win their friendship. He began to see them, not as a group of mischief-makers but as human souls with pos-

Feed My LAMBS

sibilities that would count for an eternity. His interest in them grew keen and their friendship became mutual. The young man was happily conscious of achievement and growth. He said, "I've had only two years in the pastorate, but in that time I've had nothing as rewarding as this work with children."

Others say, "I don't know how to talk with them; I can preach to them in the congregation, but I can't talk with them." (Did you really preach to them, or, in their minds were they miles away from the church?) "I can't get next to them. I feel as though I were in one world and they in another."

If you feel as though you were in one world and they in another, it is probably because you haven't tried to get into the child's world; you've expected the child to enter yours. Is it not for us to practice better ways, ways recognizing the child as a person in his own right and treating him as such? Each child has an individual need, and that need must be understood to enable one to win him to Christ.

Child evangelism is offered principally through three great agencies of our Church—Sunday School, Junior Y.P.E., and the worship service.

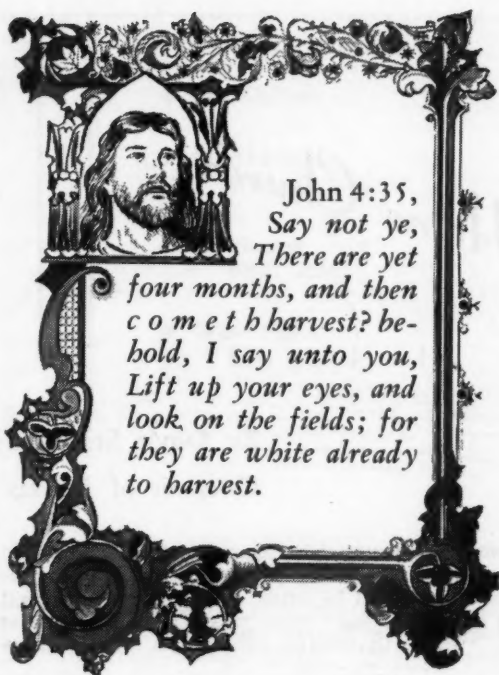
The Sunday School reaches more children than any other agency of the Church. The Sunday School comes in contact with the child in its infancy through the Cradle Roll Department and is able to keep in contact with it throughout the entire life span. The Sunday School's opportunities for evangelism are continuous.

The Sunday School teacher is indebted to the child he faces each Sunday morning. He is entrusted with souls and with lives that need molding. The teacher is impoverished spiritually if he must stand helpless before the questioning faces of the boys and girls; if, when they ask him for a loaf, he can only give them a stone.

The need for understanding between the teacher and pupil is imperative. The teacher must teach with aims and goals in mind. God have mercy on the teacher who considers himself a success if he has succeeded in keeping the class quiet no matter what method he used. The teacher is successful only when he is able to see the lesson which he taught manifested daily in the lives of his pupils.

Teacher, what is your mission in the Sunday School class? What are your goals? Jesus summed up His mis-

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John 4:35,
Say not ye,
There are yet
four months, and then
cometh harvest? be-
hold, I say unto you,
Lift up your eyes, and
look on the fields; for
they are white already
to harvest.

IN THIS TEXT, CHRIST is expressing His love for the unsaved, and urging His disciples to hasten and gather those who are lost. He bids the disciples to look upon the fields, for He knew that what they beheld would challenge them to work. Evangelism is the heartbeat of our camp meetings; and the pulse of the Church can be determined mainly by her passion for lost souls.

Our spirituality is at its greatest when our burden for the lost is the heaviest. Through the years, many have measured spirituality by the individual's outward manifestation, but a much better yardstick for measuring our consecration is our concern for the lost. The insatiable desire of Christ is expressed in Matthew 23:37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" A similar passion should be ours, since we are His children.

Jesus, in speaking of the harvest, suggests a number of things which are essential to camp meeting evangelism.

A successful harvest must be organized, and ample preparations should be made. No harvest large or small, can be properly gathered and its benefits realized unless certain important steps are taken. The evangelistic efforts of our camp meeting should be carefully planned, and carefully organized.

State-wide publicity with emphasis upon the evangelistic cause should be made. Our churches should have a week of prayer before the opening date of the meeting. The preceding Sunday services, in the local churches, should be given to prayer. Our pastors could preach on evangelism and point the congregation to the importance

Essentials to Camp Meeting EVANGELISM

By C. R. Spain
Overseer of Michigan

of a great harvest in the camp meeting. All of us, more or less, are products of what we have heard preached; and, if evangelism is emphasized and impressed upon the hearts of the people, it will certainly go far in preparing us for a gracious harvest.

Intrusted to the Church is the greatest power this side of heaven. This power is prayer, and God certainly honors and gives results when the Church as a whole prays. Acts 12:5, "Peter therefore, was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." This was certainly a gloomy day for the early Church. Peter, their champion and spokesman, was in prison. Herod had condemned him to die. His soldiers were ready to see that his death sentence was carried out. In spite of this opposition, the Church prayed. The struggle was definitely on.

Prayer meeting vs. the world. Suddenly, the prayer of the Church was answered. Kings, soldiers, laws, locks, and bars amounted to very little in the face of sincere prayer. Peter was delivered. Prayer again was victorious. God will give results in our camp meetings if the Church will only utilize the potentiality of prayer.

On our camp meeting programs, there are a number of committees—such as, Finance, Watchman, Usher, and others. Seldom do we have a committee for evangelism. Our thought relative to this is "It is everybody's duty to work about the altar, and speak to the lost." Too often everybody's duty is nobody's job. Why not have an organized committee to assume this great responsibility? They could see that every seeker has a helper, and, if necessary, an adviser. This great task is often left to only a few, while the majority enjoys visiting and fellowship. Harvest is not only a time of fellowship, but, above all, it is a time of labor.

In order that the success of a harvest may be determined, records are kept. How many bushels of grain was the yield? How many bales of cotton did the acreage produce? Yes, the records are important. The evangelistic results of our camp meeting should be kept. The Word of God often gives the results by numbers. Three thousand souls were saved on the day of Pentecost, and this number causes us to rejoice. In Acts 4:4, five thousand believed, and this number excites us. Revelation 5:11, "And the number of them was ten thousand times

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Evangelism in the Home Church

By Doyle Stanfield
Overseer of Kansas

"I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD have revival meetings, there should be a continual revival in the home church." This is the Utopian way of thinking. When it comes to being workable, then that is a different story.

"As for me, I am not going to have a revival until I am sure we have the best evangelist in the Church and will be assured of a landslide revival." At the first glance, this statement seems to have an element of truth; but, upon close observation, it is a grave story. It usually ends with little or no evangelism for the home church.

And then there is the question of the sovereignty of God in the intervention of revivals. I believe in the sovereignty of God, but I believe, also, that God expects us to put forth our efforts in winning the lost to Him. Charles Finney expressed the thought clearly, "I say that a revival is the result of the right use of the appropriate means." It takes the two working together. Suppose a man should go around preaching only the doctrine of the sovereignty of God and should confront a group of farmers. He would tell them that God is a Sovereignty, and He will give them a harvest only when it pleases Him. For them to plow, plant, and labor as if they expected a crop is very wrong—that is taking it out of the hands of the Lord. He would tell them that they were going in their own strength and that there is no connection between the means and the result on which they can depend. Now, suppose the farmers should believe such a story or doctrine; why, they would starve the world to death. Just such results will follow from the churches that are persuaded that promoting religion is somehow so mysteriously a subject of divine sovereignty that there is no natural connection between the means and the end.

It may be true that the world will make a beaten path to your door if you make a better mousetrap than your neighbor, even though your house may be far back in the woods. However, you may as well know that the big rush toward your place of business will not begin until you have given the location and have been properly promoted. Jesus sent the disciples before Him two by two into the cities where He would soon follow. "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preach-

ing the word." Now we are ambassadors for Christ. These early Christians were doing promotional work—promoting Jesus. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," John 12:32. Then it was said of them, "These that have turned the world upside down . . ."

The effectiveness of the work of evangelism in the home church depends, chiefly, on the ability and leadership of the minister. Of course, it is impossible for him to do all the work. If he were to even try, both he and the church would fall, but he should be more than just a mere cheerleader. He must be first partaker of the fruits. As a teacher of teachers he will realize the first fundamental law of pedagogy in expression is the first fruits of impression. Somewhere in every church there is a lost battalion. While the Church sets its aims, fixes its goals, teaches its scholars and warms their hearts through evangelistic preaching, there is still a mighty battalion that never enters the front line. I am referring to the men of our Church that are never enlisted into the services of God through the Church. The ladies meet in prayer bands and at the L.W.W.B.; they help the sick and needy and are busy. The battle for lost souls is still raging, though, and this lost battalion never appears on the scene. The Church wages heavy warfare, but the strongest troop never moves up. I believe, in most cases, it is just waiting for the command of a gentle shepherd.

These seven soldiers are named: plan, purpose, prayer, power, passion, persistence, and performance.

EVANGELISM IN THE HOME church comes through organized effort. You can see the forces that enter into a successful evangelistic effort. Mark these down as your helpers and realize that nothing shall be impossible unto you. The enemy is powerless against God's militant force. Note the names of these soldiers and study the situation with care and see how many of them are needed in helping you to form a successful evangelistic church. Individually, the army cannot perform effectively; collectively, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

While there is a legitimate place for methods and
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- International Bible College
- Northwest Bible School
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LEE COLLEGE

THE CHURCH OF GOD was born with an evangelistic passion, and evangelism continues to be the great business of the Church. A witnessing, evangelizing, gospelizing Church is God's norm. A zeal for the winning of lost souls has marked the work of the Church of God since its earliest days.

Lee College trains the future leaders of the Church of God. Realizing that evangelism is an integral part of the Church, Lee attempts to give the students training in practical and theoretical phases of this important area. We admit that equipment is not of primary importance; it is, however, essential that a Christian permit Christ to channel His power through what he is and through what he has.

The program of evangelism in Lee College includes many formal, general, and practical courses. Methods and techniques of evangelism are considered, as well as guidance in handling specific difficulties. The Bible College student is required to take a total of six hours in the area of evangelism. In each of these courses an effort is made to train students in doing effective soul-winning. Aside from this, our Christian Education courses such as "Sunday School in Action," "Program Preparation," "Vacation Bible School," "Audio Visual Aids," touch on "Child Evangelism" from the practical standpoint.

Every rising senior who is not in school in the summer is required to be engaged in ministerial work. He reports this work at the end of the summer. Throughout the year every student is expected to report his activities in school and in ministerial groups. Club sponsors cooperate in giving semester reports as to the evangelistic activity of each student.

"Personal Evangelism" is offered for junior and senior Bible College students and in the Bible Institute. Realizing that much of the most successful evangelism has been of a personal nature, this course deals in particular with personal work. The course covers methods of dealing with unusual cases, particular difficulties, the unconcerned, the deluded, and other groups. Emphasis is placed on the necessity of practical knowledge of the

What Our Schools

Are Doing for

EVANGELISM

Bible for use in dealing with lost souls. Skill is developed in using the Scriptures from memory.

The course on "Visitation and Group Evangelism" trains the student in setting up a systematic program of visitation evangelism in the local church—a program in which local laymen visit systematically in the homes of the unsaved and the unchurched. The course also deals with methods of group or mass evangelism, particularly revival. Emphasis is placed on planning the revival and on conserving its results.

In "Sunday School Administration" the Sunday School is considered as the greatest source of church membership, church workers and missionaries. Stress is placed upon the fact that the lack of evangelism in the educational institution of the church is always reflected in decreased numbers and in reduced activity of the assembly.

The course in "Vacation Bible School" incorporates the best methods of evangelizing children. Methods and techniques of presenting the message of salvation and providing experience in planning and producing such programs is investigated.

Several other courses deal indirectly with the work of evangelism. Such classes as "Homiletics" and "Pastoral Theology" bring in material related to this field. Evangelistic preaching is given emphasis in the "Homiletics" classes while the "Pastoral Theology" classes stress the minister's responsibility in dealing with the unsaved.

Lee College also provides valuable training through regular outside projects such as hospital and jail services. Groups go regularly to nearby jails and hospitals and thereby spread the good news of the gospel.

While indirectly sponsored by the college yet resulting from the training of its students comes reports of souls won to the Lord. Many students are employed in various business establishments in the City of Cleveland and they contact the public daily. Many times opportunities to witness for Christ present themselves and our students are quick to take advantage of them.

Lee College is proud that its students are, as Paul, "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." They know, by personal experience, that "It is the power of God unto salvation."—R. Leonard Carroll, President.

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AN EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN is an effort on the part of the Church to win the unsaved and outsiders to Christ and bring them into the membership of His Church. Evangelism is never the line of least resistance. The multiplicity of activities in the Church tends to crowd out evangelism. There is a danger of stressing only one type of evangelism in our churches. The most prominent type of evangelism in the Church of God is mass evangelism; however, because of the neglect of personal evangelism, mass evangelism has become less effective in recent years. There has never been a time when mass evangelism was effective without personal witnessing. At the inception of the Church, people were conscious that their personal witnessing brought the people to the mass meetings; thus, affording an opportunity for the minister to win them to Christ. Today there is little personal witnessing among Christians. If mass evangelism is to remain the effective instrument in the salvation of the lost that it is, the public proclamation of the gospel must be complemented by personal witnessing. We need consistent Christian testimony to reinforce public preaching. The personal touch of the laity in mass evangelism cannot be overlooked. Mass evangelism might be considered *net fishing* and personal evangelism *hook fishing*.

PRE-EVANGELISM

There must be a great deal of preparation for a campaign. So many campaigns are started without giving the church ample time to prepare for the meeting. In many cases the campaign is announced one Sunday night and begins the next. As a result it is merely a meeting for saints, poorly attended, and has a discouraging rather than an encouraging effect on the congregation. Efforts of this type are a detriment rather than a profit to the church. There are others who crowd too many campaigns into a year's program without placing too much emphasis on any of them; therefore, revival doesn't result. It would be better to have two or three well-planned campaigns each year than to have several efforts with little advertisement and preparation.

Churches are continually hiring evangelists, expecting them to bring about revival in the churches; however, the evangelist doesn't have a chance unless the people are willing to participate in the meeting by bringing their unsaved friends and loved ones. If evangelism is to succeed, it must be the work of the whole church or, at least, a large segment of it. It is the responsibility of the church to create a situation in which evangelism can take place. The following are some pre-evangelism requirements:

1. Notify the congregation far enough in advance.
2. Institute a contact program.
 - a. Take a census.
 - b. House to house
 - c. By direct mailing
3. Special emphasis on prayer and fasting
 - a. Special days of prayer
 - b. Cottage prayer meetings
 - c. Special prayer teams
 - d. Special stress on fasting

The majority of those who are won to Christ during mass campaigns have been contacted previously by pastor, personal worker, Sunday School teacher or friend. The lack of preparation in this particular field is the major reason for a decline in the effectiveness of mass

evangelism. One pastor, in reviewing his work, made the following comment: "out of the 110 who, recently, have been received into the Church, there were only three who, previously, had not been called upon."

Before we can have mass evangelism, church members will first have to be revived. A real revival of religion always results in the conversion of sinners. When David was praying for spiritual restoration in Psalm 51, he stated the results of personal revival, "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." The statement that "we had a saints' revival, but no sinners were saved," is an unscriptural statement and not true to the Bible pattern. To what and for what were the saints revived? There is only one purpose and that is the evangelization of the world.

In our mass campaigns we have come to rest too much responsibility in the hands of the evangelist. An over-reliance on the pulpit in mass evangelism can cause the work to fail. It is true that throughout the centuries God has laid His hand on chosen men with special talents to win people through the foolishness of preaching (1 Corinthians 1:21). This command to evangelize strikes the pulpit and the pew at the same angle. We might as well expect the army officers to fight the entire battle while the other soldiers stand by and watch the performance as to expect the minister to bear all the evangelistic burden.

ITS PROMINENCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS one of the first New Testament ministers to employ this method, "And there went out unto him all the country of Judea and they of Jerusalem," Mark 1:5. Matthew records that "All the region round about Jordan" came to him, Matthew 3:5. Vast throngs and multitudes came to the open-air campaigns conducted by Jesus Christ. "And there followed him great multitudes of people," Matthew 4:25. "There went great multitudes with him," Luke 14:25. "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him," Luke 15:1. Crowds up to fifteen thousand gathered to hear the message of our Christ. They were so eager to hear His message that they were willing to do without food to hear Him.

MASS EVANGELISM

The exciting events throughout the Acts of the Apostles indicate that mass evangelism was very prominent during the Early Church Age. In one day the young Church increased from one hundred and twenty to over three thousand. Not long after that, it is recorded that the number of men that believed were about five thousand (Acts 4:4). Statements like the following indicate that mass evangelism was the chief method of spreading the gospel in the early Church: "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women," Acts 5:14. "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of priests were obedient to the faith," Acts 6:7. "And a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord," Acts 11:21. Philip started a great campaign in Samaria and the results were "The people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake," Acts 8:6.

THE PLACE OF MASS EVANGELISM IN THE CHURCH

There is no such thing as becoming so skilled in the techniques of evangelism that, through the skill, an ingathering of souls will be guaranteed. One must never come to the place that he feels he has mastered the techniques of evangelism. New and varied problems that must be dealt with in travelling prayer present themselves in each campaign.

The only adequate evangelistic agency of our day is the Church. In reality, only an organized congregation is qualified to care for the steps people should take to become Christians. Unattached or independent evangelism can be very colorful and wide in range, but unless evangelism starts from the church and leads back to the church the results will be only temporary. This is the age when God chooses to work through the local church, and it is the church that God has divinely established for this purpose. In order for the revival to produce solid results, people must become affiliated with the Church. Those who are reluctant to join the Church, generally, are not fully decided for Christ and must have much care. The local church in the New Testament was the focal point of evangelism. In the New Testament, the

word *church* appears about one hundred and fourteen times and in one hundred of those times it refers to the local church. During the revival of Evan Roberts in Wales, 1904, twenty thousand people joined the churches of Wales in five weeks. When Finney started his great evangelistic career, there were only two hundred thousand people in the United States that belonged to the churches, but before long over three million belonged to the churches. The evangelist must build the proper attitude toward the church into the convert. His message should be church-centered. If his message is a loose, free-lance type, people will be drawn away from the church to him, which usually results in spiritual shipwreck. Independent evangelism usually results in a loose organization with no membership, responsibility, or discipline; however, it is well to note that even independent campaigns cannot exist without the aid of the churches. Many of those who so tenaciously oppose church organization fail to realize that if it were not for the churches, their campaigns could not exist. Even in union campaigns, if the campaign does not start with the church and the results are not directed back to the church, little good will be accomplished.

CONSERVING THE RESULTS

I CHOOSE TO CALL the follow-up of new converts the second half of evangelism. Getting decisions for Christ is a thrilling thing, but developing and holding new converts is a less colorful task. One of the greatest weaknesses of our evangelism is that it stops too soon.

We have become so enamored by numbers that we have lost sight of training our converts and, therefore, we lose many of them. We must never forget that it is not altogether how many people we attract, but we are going to give an account of what we did for the people when we attracted them.

The mortality rate among spiritual babes in Christ is far too high. In most churches, fifty per cent of those who are won to the church are lost for some reason or other. If we treated newborn babes as carelessly as we do newborn Christians, the humane society would bring us into court for our actions. The backdoor losses of our churches must be stopped, and this can be done only through a follow-up program after our mass campaigns. Converts are babes in Christ and must be treated as such (1 Peter 2:2; 1 Corinthians 3:1).

The instability of converts is often blamed on the evangelist. I have heard the statement, "His converts just don't hold out." It is true that the type of message that is delivered by the evangelist will have a great effect on the stability of the convert; however, the major responsibility of conserving the convert does not rest with the evangelist. The evangelistic effort may be ever so thorough, but, if the convert follow-up is not thorough, much of the result will be lost. The Great Commission includes a follow-up plan in the program of the Church. Christ's disciples were charged not only to teach the commands but also to teach the observance of His commands. Jesus Christ so thoroughly trained His disciples that they set in motion the irresistible forces of redemption that have washed the shores of all time. How much of your church program is deliberately planned to develop and train the new converts of your campaign? If God were to give you five hundred new converts this year, what would you do with them?

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EVANGELISM

THE ABC's OF PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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How can we teach people to memorize? There are a few very simple rules to follow that will make the task reasonably easy and the results sure.

First, memorize the location and the verse together. Always associate them together in your mind. Give the location, read or quote the verse and then locate it again. Always give the location twice with each quotation of the verse and there will be little trouble about making the link between the verse and location later on. This may seem a little unnecessary to you at times, but do not become lax about it or you will be sorry!

Second, learn the verse thoroughly. When you start to memorize a passage, stay with it until it has made a deep, clear impression upon your mind. Connect it with something that already has a permanent place in your memory, and it will be more easily recalled.

Third, read the verse aloud if possible from six to twenty times, depending upon the length and difficulty of it. Remove your eyes from the Bible more and more as you read until you can quote it through without looking. Close the Bible, keeping your finger in the place for ease of refreshing your memory, and quote it several times without looking.

The fourth step is writing. Locate the verse, write it, and locate it again. If you have trouble in writing it the first time—and you probably will—look at it. When you have finished it, check it carefully. This is most important so that you will not learn it wrong. Write it and check it about a dozen times and you will have it firmly fixed in mind. Do not be lazy about writing it, for this is very important. It is really a great time-saver because once writing it is worth more than a dozen repetitions by mouth.

Fifth, review. This is the real secret of success in memorizing. Review your memory work every day, every week, and every month.

Sixth and last, use the passages you learn. Put them to work in your conversations and use them in your personal work. If you will faithfully follow these six suggestions, you can learn a passage every day without any great amount of effort. This will so enrich your life that you will be sorry for the wasted years before you began to follow a system of memorizing.

You will also find that this thing will be *catching* and others will begin to memorize, also. A church that is memorizing the Word cannot be *dead*. New life and vitality will begin to spring up and the results of your personal evangelism will be felt in every department.



FEED MY LAMBS

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sion in terms of more abundant life. We should keep that objective always in view. No greater reward can be given to a teacher than to see his pupils accept Christ and grow in knowledge and grace of that Christ who dwells within them.

SOME PARENTS FEEL THAT the best possible training for participation in the life of the Church is for the child to attend regularly the adult services of worship.

It may be that a child's habitual attendance at adult services may result in some surprising learnings. Instead of learning to worship the child may be learning to dislike the church service. He may be learning that it is possible to sit in church outwardly attentive but with his mind absorbed in a marble game in the back yard at the home of one of his friends. Why did the child fail to learn the value of worship? Was it because the service was planned with only the adult in mind?

On the other hand, to say that children should never attend adult service is to run into grave danger of losing certain potential values. To be sure there are those who from their own experiences are convinced that the values of regular church attendance when they were little outweighed whatever disadvantages there might have been.

One family of six boys always went to church and sat all together in a row, oldest to youngest, as steps. Only one of them is now a Christian and working in the Church. The other five will not enter a church. Their reason is: "I had enough of that when I was little." There is a reason for this. They were not properly evangelized.

The junior church is definitely a forward step in child evangelism for this generation. Children's services are springing up in churches of all denominations.

A junior church service, following as nearly as is practical the established pattern of a church worship service, has pronounced advantages.

A child is more eager to respond to a service within the range of his understanding.

It also furnishes a complete change from the Sunday School hour.

The junior feels himself an integral part of the junior church; therefore his interest is stimulated.

He understands the entire service, which is planned around his understanding and needs.

He is trained for membership and participation in *grown-up* church at the same time that he forms habits of regular and joyous church attendance.

Parents who usually take their children home after Sunday School are enabled to attend church service while the children enjoy their own service.

Junior church is modeled after the adult church. It has its own officers, ushers, choir, and so forth.

Sometimes, due to improper facilities, churches are not able to have a junior church. Realizing the great need of messages and services on the child level a special place is given in the morning worship service for children. A sermonette or story especially directed to the children is given by the minister before he delivers the morning message. When delivering a message the pastor should never forget that he has children in the congregation.

In explaining communion to a group of children nine to eleven years of age, a minister used such words as sacrament, sanctuary, soul-devotion, spiritual inspiration, and redemption. The words were not explained, and no attempt was made to see if they needed explaining. How many, do you suppose, went home understanding the meaning of communion?

In any phase of child evangelism adequate preparation must be made and an effective method of follow-up employed.

The junior Y.P.E. likewise offers training in leadership, stewardship, and worship. Again, the junior Y.P.E.

gives the child an opportunity to take part in a service planned to meet his needs.

In the past few years, the Church has realized the great part junior camps play in child evangelism. The results of such projects sponsored by the Church will be revealed only in eternity.

In all methods of child evangelism employed by the Church, we must never forget that the leader is responsible for the greater part of their success. The task is great but enjoyable, and the blessings to be received therefrom can never be numbered or measured.

Avonelle, a little six-year-old girl, had been attending junior church for sometime. The lessons taught were of God and His power. The instructor, Miss Brown, had been telling the children that they could have the abiding presence of God within their lives. They would be able to recognize Him, for His touch was different from any other. Miss Brown had given a number of illustrations and examples. Then she said, "I can tell you many things about the power of God, but you will never be able to know its worth in your life until you feel God's power yourself. Let us bow our heads and ask God to touch us."

All heads were bowed. Immediately Miss Brown felt the presence of God graciously in the midst and knew that He had come to bless the children. She offered a simple prayer.

The next day, Avonelle came to her mother and said, "Mother, I felt God yesterday in junior church."

"You did," Mother replied. "Tell me about it."

"At the close of the lesson, Miss Brown asked us to bow our heads and ask God to touch us. She said we would know when God touched us because it would be different from any other touch. I bowed my head and silently asked God to touch me. Then I felt something real good. I first felt it on my head, then it came on down and stopped right here," she said pointing to her heart. Mother knew that God had touched Avonelle.

Many little lambs in your church are hungry to be fed upon the warm nourishing milk of God's Word. Feed those lambs!



ESSENTIALS TO CAMP MEETING EVANGELISM

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ten thousand and thousands of thousands," and we shout "Hallelujah!" Numbers always thrill us. Records seem to have been kept until Revelation 7:9, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude which no man could number." If we will do our best to keep records until this time, our numbers will bless us.

In many instances, experience cards have proved to be a great advantage. Those who are blessed or seeking can be recorded and their names turned over to their respective pastors. This will help the pastors greatly in their work after the camp meeting.

Harvest time is a season of concerted action. Men labor together for one purpose—to reap the benefits of what rightly belongs to them because of their position. Everybody works, all the men, both young and old, along with the women and children. This is a time of action, and there is something for everyone to do. Evangelism should be the purpose of every Spirit-filled individual who attends camp meeting, and God, in this great harvest, has something for him to do. It is easy for us to get lost in

the crowd, and feel that our efforts are of no value.

It is vital that the Church concentrate her entire energy to the ingathering of souls at this time. We can do this only when there is the feeling of individual responsibility. No one man can do this job, no matter how great he may be. It is true that Peter delivered the masterful message on the day of Pentecost, but let us not forget that the eleven stood up with him. My opinion is that the others served as helpers in winning the three thousand to Christ. If the energy, talent, and ability of the entire Church could be focused on this one cause, only faith can visualize what the results would be during this coming camp meeting season.

Harvest season is a time of rejoicing. Regardless of the past sacrifices and the long days of labor, this is an occasion when everybody is happy. A person who is happy will let others know it, for happiness cannot be concealed. If the cares and weights of life could be dismissed or intrusted to God during the time of camp meeting, a mighty outpouring of the Spirit would be realized. Joy exhibited by the Church will be a great step toward successful evangelism in our coming camp meetings.

Harvest time is a season of strenuous labor. The season is short, and, because of its brevity, workers give all that they have. A working day will be long, with beads of perspiration on the workers' foreheads, blistered hands and aching muscles, but every grain of wheat must be gathered.

Our camp meetings are limited for time. From five to ten days, and the final benediction is prayed. Because of this, we need to be at our best, and give our all from the first song. How wonderful the results would be if we could begin from where we ended the previous camp meeting. How far would we go with God? Too often we are hampered with the thought, "Oh well, it will take us two or three nights to get started." Let us dismiss this kind of thinking from our minds, and take a revival spirit in our hearts to the camp meeting. When God has a contract to be given, His Spirit-filled Church will certainly get the job. Our job is to put a flame of evangelistic fire in our camp meetings that will illuminate the world.

May this be the greatest camp meeting year that the Church of God has experienced, with Pentecost being reproduced in every camp.



EVANGELISM IN THE HOME CHURCH

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techniques, the greatest need is for the power and passion that constrained the early Church to action. It has been said that the first century Church was power-conscious while the twentieth century Church is problem-conscious. Evangelism must have method and means but they should not supersede the Spirit that brings revivals.

Have you tried taking an evangelistic census in your church congregation to determine the people your church is reaching? This is very simple; you can receive this information from your Sunday School department by having each scholar inform you with the names of the members of his family not attending church and possibly unsaved. Those that are not saved become the goal for your church to reach evangelistically. Why not organize an *Andrew's Club*? Have each Christian in your

church join, promising that he will do his best to win a soul within a year or given period. After he has won a soul, then he becomes a member of the Andrew Alumni.

Supervised cottage prayer meetings can be of untold benefit toward winning the lost to Christ. In the mid-week prayer meetings, appropriate Scriptures, such as: Luke 5:1-11; Luke 5:27-32; John 1:29-42; John 1:43-51; Acts 8:26-40 and many others, may be used to fill the Christians' hearts with enthusiasm to win the lost to Christ. *Set a goal—win a soul.*

Form prayer partners—in every congregation you will have members with varied passions for the lost. Some will feel more compassion toward missions, some toward orphans, some for the youth and many other phases; so, by uniting each group separately, you will have a greater work accomplished for designated goals.

With a fervent prayer, a passionate heart, an empowered soul, and a purpose with persistence, you can bring about the performance of evangelism in the home church through the medium of workable committees. But remember this, *No responsibility without accountability.* In performing the task of every-member evangelism in the local church, the following committees could be elected, with every person given something to do with one purpose in mind—bringing the lost to Christ: Teaching, Training, Literature, Radio, Television, Sunday School (one of the greatest), Home for the Aged, Jail, Music, Worship, and many other committees. Keeping these busy and functioning properly is a full-time responsibility for any pastor.

There is no joy like the soul-winner's joy. When the shepherd found the lost sheep, there was rejoicing and a calling together of the neighbors to rejoice. The woman that swept the house to find the lost coin rejoiced upon finding it. And then, in the immortal story of the prodigal son's returning home, we see a happy father and the killing of the fatted calf. Angels are witnesses to the joy in the presence of God over the conversions of the lost. "For the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame"—the joy of Jesus in seeing many in future generations bring folk from every color, race, creed, and position to heaven. And, "He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied."

So you bring the one next to you and I'll bring the one next to me and in no time at all we'll have them all. So win them, win them, one by one.



WHAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE DOING FOR EVANGELISM

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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE was founded to meet a need for trained workers to spread the gospel and expand the work of the Church on the Canadian prairies. The school was founded on the spirit of evangelism. This spirit has been maintained in curriculum and practical experience. As in like institutions, our curriculum might basically be divided into two divisions, "The Message and the Methods."

With the message in mind a large portion of the studies are of the Word of God. With methods in mind personal

evangelism is taught with emphasis on proper approach and proper use of Scripture in personal contact. Study is given to World religions and modern false cults in preparation for the contact students will have in public ministry.

Students gain much practical experience in week-end visits to churches in which they provide the music, special singing, and the sermon. This also provides many opportunities for personal work. The Outram Church of God holds its services in the school chapel, making it possible for students to receive much practical experience. Students are thus able to have experience in the youth services and in the Sunday School as teachers. It has been a custom for student groups to attend district conventions and provide much of the music and singing, as well as take the additional opportunities for personal work. In a program guided by the provincial overseer, several students hold evangelistic meetings or do pastoral-supply work during the months between school terms. Evangelism is the life of our program.—Darrell L. Lindsay, President.

NORTHWEST BIBLE SCHOOL

NORTHWEST BIBLE SCHOOL has always encouraged each student to do the work of an evangelist. We believe that evangelism is a vital part of Christian training. In order to promote this work we have organized a department of evangelism in the school. In this way we are able to maintain an accurate record of the activity of each student. These are made a part of each individual's permanent record.

Classes in evangelism are offered each quarter. The students come together at class time and discuss the success and failure of certain methods and strive to learn both from Scripture and practical experience how to carry on this very important work better.

Many of our students are active every week end in evangelistic services. In addition to visiting the local churches they also organize jail services from which there have been good results. The rest homes in the area always look forward to the weekly visits of the students and faculty.

Of course, the greatest work here in the Northwest is accomplished in the summer time between terms of school. Many of our pastors find their need for an evangelist supplied through the student body of Northwest Bible School. Also the Daily Vacation Bible Schools find trained workers who know how to lead children to Christ, both among the student body and among the many graduates of the school.

We expect to see this work grow as the school grows. It is so closely tied in with our regular activities that every forward step the school takes means a forward step for evangelism.—Laud O. Vaught, Director of Evangelism.

WEST COAST BIBLE SCHOOL

WEST COAST Bible School, recognizing the fact of the "last days" and the tremendous responsibility of the Church to prepare the world for His return, has launched an evangelistic program which consists of personal visitation, deputation teams, and door-to-door advertising for the cause of Christ.

After instruction in the classroom, the Personal Evangelism classes have put theory into practice with a canvass of witnessing to the surrounding neighborhood. In these personal visits *LIGHTED PATHWAYS* and *Evangelists* have been distributed, and pertinent information of the local Churches of God has been disclosed with a hearty invitation to attend. Over 1,000 pieces of literature have been distributed, and hundreds of homes have been contacted personally.

In conjunction to this field evangelism work, there have been deputational groups such as quartets, evan-

gelistic teams, and so forth which have traveled regularly in revival services each weekend. These groups have been instrumental in winning many souls into the kingdom of Christ.

To complete this year's evangelistic efforts, a plan is being organized to set a goal of soul-winning for each student to seek to achieve during the summer months. It is the prayer and vision of each faculty member and student alike that this plan will win many other young hearts to know the "peace that passeth understanding."—Paul L. Walker, Principal.



"Pentecost" Evident in Revival

WAYNESBURG, Penn.—The results of the revival we have just concluded are so pleasing that we believe the readers of the *Evangelist* will rejoice with the church in Waynesburg. The evangelist was Brother Norman Seese, of Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pennsylvania. During the course of the revival all the earmarks of real Pentecost were evident. Neither time nor space will permit us to tell all the wonderful things that happened, but we are sending the highlights of the results. Several outstanding healings occurred which were a sign to the townsfolk here. Eighteen were converted, 21 sanctified, and 21 filled with the Holy Ghost. On the last night of the revival, we received 5 new members into the Church, making a total of 71 members received into the Church, in the past 3 years that I have pastored here. Our congregation has given our wonderful Saviour a praise offering for all the results of the revival and we will continue to be careful to praise Him and seek diligently for greater blessings in the near future.—Thomas R. Culp, Pastor.

added to the Church. This is the third week but no end is in sight. Soldiers at nearby Fort Benning are being stirred. If you will send us the names of your loved ones stationed there, we will be glad to contact them. Our revival is broadcast nightly over Radio WPNX.—L. O. Peck, pastor, 1512 4th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia.

Meeting Has Lasting Results

FORT WORTH (RIVERSIDE), Texas—Recently, we had a three weeks' revival conducted by Brother C. G. Crutcher of Lamesa, Texas. To us it was a great revival. The main reason we say this is because of the great results of the revival. Thirteen were saved, 6 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 added to the Church, and several are to be baptized in water. If you love the power of God and the obeying of the Holy Ghost, you'll appreciate working with Brother Crutcher as an evangelist.—J. T. Gilliam, Pastor.

have served the Lord for a number of years testified that this was the best revival they were ever in. This revival has built up the church spiritually, and unity prevails. The soul-stirring messages which came forward each night by the great anointing power of God were wonderful and touched many sinners' hearts. Nine were saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 10 added to the Church, and 6 baptized in water. Healing services were held nightly with many healings as a result. Blinded eyes were opened; hearing was restored; demon-possessed were delivered. Also, some received deliverance from cancers and goiters. The revival has almost doubled the Sunday School attendance. It has truly been wonderful in every thinkable way. We are looking forward to the time when our two dear brothers can return, and we hope we can have a city-wide revival.—Maxwell Mears, Clerk and S. S. Superintendent of the Barre Street Church of God.—James E. Burr, Pastor.

Lady Conducts Good Revival

BRIDGETON, N. J.—We have just closed the greatest revival that our church has ever had. The Lord was in every service, from the first to the last. Seventeen were saved, 7 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the Church. Sister Joyce Williams, of Garner, North Carolina, was our evangelist and her inspiring messages blessed our souls. She was certainly a blessing to our church and we gladly recommend her to any church desiring a revival.—W. G. Donovan, Pastor.

Evangelist Preaches "Old-time Holiness"

CARSON SPRINGS, Tenn.—Recently, we had a revival conducted by Brother George Bailey. He surely did preach old-time holiness. Four were saved, 2 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Our church is growing. We appreciate our good people here at Carson Springs. We are planning for a new church in the future.—B. O. Cantrell, Pastor.

New Church Organized After Revival

MT. PLEASANT, N. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival in Mt. Pleasant in the portable church. Twenty-two were saved, 4 were sanctified, 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost, and a new Church was organized with 16 members. The Church was set in order by Brother A. V. Childers and Brother C. H. Rochester, the district pastor. Brother Winston F. Clark was the evangelist. A Sunday School was organized with 38 present on the first Sunday. We have had an increase to 64 in four weeks.—Winston Clark.

Over 100 Saved in Columbus, Ga. Telegram

COLUMBUS, Ga.—We are having the greatest revival in the history of the Twenty-ninth Street Church of God. Evangelist Frankie Ward is a firebrand for God. One hundred and six have been saved, 56 sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and 37

Eighty-two Converted in Dillon

DILLON, S. C.—Recently, we had a great revival at the Dillon Church of God. The power of God was manifested every night for three weeks. About 82 were saved, 38 sanctified, 34 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 20 added to the Church. Many were healed by the power of God and large crowds attended this revival. One night about 600 people were present to hear my life story. Brother Clyde C. Cox, the good pastor, is a wonderful man to work with in a revival, and I think he has some of the most blessed people that I have ever worked with. I love and appreciate the good people at Dillon, South Carolina.—Evangelist James Poe Jackson.

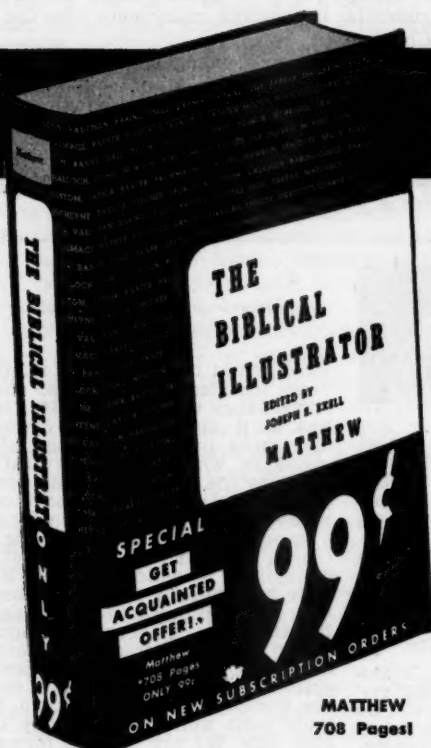
Great Revival in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Md.—We praise and thank God for the wonderful five weeks' Holy Ghost revival we, recently, have had with the Rogers and New-somes' Evangelistic Party. Many who

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HAMILTON, Bermuda—I praise the Lord that a Saviour came to bear my load of reproach and shame, and now I am giving glory to His holy name. I was lost in sin and darkness. I was dead, through the sin of Adam, but I believe the words of Jesus in John 11:25, 26, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." The Apostle Paul under the power of the spirit of God tells us in I Corinthians 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Thank God I was simple enough to believe the good news. I, that was dead, am alive again to live in the land where we will never grow old, praise God's wonderful matchless name. I am happy to say Jesus is not only my Saviour, He is also my Healer, my Sanctifier, and my soon-coming King. Glory to His holy name! You ask me how I know Jesus is my Healer, I will tell you. I suffered with a severe heart attack and had high blood pressure, from September 6, 1949 until October, 1955, when Brother J. L. Goins came to pastor our church in Bermuda. As he preached his first healing sermon, it brought a flood of blessing to my body, soul, and spirit. When he quoted the words of the prophet Isaiah, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed," Isaiah 53:5, I saw the possibility of my healing through the inspired Word of God. My faith took hold of God, and as I entered the prayer line my beloved pastor laid his hands on me and commanded the Devil, in the name of Jesus, to take his hands off God's child. I was instantly healed, glory to God. Now I can do what I could not do during the above mentioned years. I thank God for Brother Goins and his beloved wife. They are a great blessing to me. Friends, have faith in God, His words, and His ministers.—Samuel B. Warner. Attested by J. L. Goins, Pastor.

Healed of Many Afflictions

MIAMI, Fla.—I thank the Lord for healing my body and also for the miracle that he performed for me. After reading an article that appeared in a church magazine, my faith was strengthened to the extent that I could trust God without doubting. I thank God for answering my prayers. I thank him for healing a sore on my right hand, healing me of a severe pain in my side, healing my knee when it was so sore that I could not put my weight on it, and healing my hand when I scalded it with boiling water. I prayed for it and it did



not even blister. He has healed me so many times, and I thank Him for His mighty healing power. Now he has performed a miracle on my head. When my hair was so short that I could not plait it, God touched me and gave me a head full of hair. I thank Him with all my heart.—Esther Thurston.

Healed of Lung Cancer

PARSONS, W. Va.—God wonderfully healed me of cancer of the lungs. I belong to the Church of God here in Parsons where Brother Owen Baldwin is the pastor. We surely are having wonderful times here. Pray for me.—Mrs. Amanda Sherman.

Child Healed of Skull Fracture and Brain Concussion

CHICAGO, Ill.—On the evening of February 23, our four-year-old daughter was struck in the head by an automobile near our home. We rushed her to the hospital where they kept her under observation for two weeks. On the second day of her stay in the hospital, they took X-rays of her head, and the X-rays showed that she had a severe skull fracture and brain concussion. At first when she seemed to be getting along all right, the doctor said that if she held her own she would pull through because she was a healthy little girl; but he also warned that if she went into a coma, which was very possible, they would have to operate, leaving her a fifty-fifty chance to pull through. So a brain specialist who was called in on the case was standing by in case of coma. On the afternoon of February 25, I went to visit her and found her almost lifeless, although she tried to be brave and smile for me. (Because of the situation she was fed only on ice water and crushed ice for three days.) I knew as I stood by her bedside that afternoon that something was going to happen. I told my husband, upon leaving the hospital, that we should call upon God and he immediately called Brother Sam Edmunds, pastor of the Church of God in Summit, Illinois, to come and pray for her. Brother Joel Brown, of the Narragansett Street Church of God, Chicago, also had prayer for her in church that night. When Brother Edmunds laid his hands on her and anointed her with oil, I felt the wonderful presence of God. When Brother Edmunds left the hospital he said, "The work has been done. Now believe that God has healed her." I started believing, and, thank God, He not only healed her but I feel that He performed a miracle as well. Just two weeks ago when they took X-rays

again, the doctor said that the skull was healed together and that we had nothing to worry about. I praise God from the bottom of my heart because I know He is real. My husband and I would like to thank everyone who prayed for her. I understand that Brother Goff, our state overseer, requested prayer for our little girl throughout the state of Illinois. We are very grateful for that request. It was through prayer and believing that God undertook.—Mrs. John W. Jenkins.

Teeth Healed by Power of God

MINERAL POINT, Mo.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. First, I should like to thank every precious saint of God that prayed for me. I suffered terrible pain for several days after having some teeth extracted. I went back to the dentist about a week later, and he told me I would have to have surgery. I made up my mind to trust God for my healing; so every time I had the opportunity, I had the good saints of God to pray for me. Each time they prayed I would get better. Sometimes when I would start to hurt again, I would think of Naaman who was told to dip in the river Jordan seven times; so I kept on until I was anointed seven times. Praise God the pain is gone tonight and I can give the praise to the One who has promised never to leave or forsake us.—Mrs. Blanche Asher. Attested by Ralph Smith, Pastor, Springtown, Missouri.

Kidney Trouble Healed By Prayer

OPP, Ala.—God wonderfully healed me on the third Sunday night in March. I was ill with a kidney affliction and called a doctor. I did not get any better, so I sent for the Church of God pastor, Brother Miller, and his wife. When they came and prayed for me, the Lord touched my body, and, on Sunday, I went to the Church of God. Brother Miller and the good members prayed for me and God completely healed me of poisoned kidneys. I praise God for Brother and Sister Miller. They have been a blessing to me. I was a Baptist, but God wonderfully saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I thank God for all He has done for me.—Eva Sasser. Attested by R. C. Miller, Pastor.

Healed of Cancer and Tumor

LEXINGTON, N. C.—I thank the Lord that He healed me of cancer when doctors said I could not live. Later the Lord delivered me of a large tumor. I had ridden 40 miles that day and had preached two sermons; so, you see, God is my strength.—Sarah York.

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